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State of Hawai'i Environmental Advisory Council

7th floor conference area, 235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 9:00AM

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Members Present

Dawn Hegger-Nordblom (Chairperson), Michele Lefebvre, Rachel Sprague

Members Absent

Jay Stone (Vice-Chair)

Staff

Mary Alice Evans (OPSD Director), Tom Eisen (Environmental Review Program [ERP] Staff)

Public

Lyle Roe (Agribusiness Development Corporation [ADC]), Hannah Kiblinger (Trail Steward, Department of Land and Natural Resources [DLNR]), Katie Roth (DLNR)

1. Call to order, Roll Call, Introductions, Quorum

With a quorum of three members, Chairperson Hegger-Nordblom called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Review and adoption of minutes from Tuesday, September 2, 2025

https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/EC_Meetings/2025-09-02-Environmental-Advisory-Council-Minutes-draft.pdf

MOTION: Member Lefebvre moved to approve the September 2025 meeting minutes. Member Sprague seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public testimony. The EAC voted to approve the motion (3-0-0).

3. Director's Report

Director Evans reported that the ERP staff is still working on the Rule Amendments. These amendments will work to bring the office into compliance with Act 152. The goal is for the amendments to be on the agenda for discussion at the next EAC meeting.

Mr. Eisen reported that he has been hosting training sessions for housing agencies. One of the training sessions was hosted by Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

4. Exemptions Committee

a. Discussion of State of Hawai'i, Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) Comprehensive Exemption List Comments

https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/erp/EC_Meetings/2025-10-14-ADC-Exemption-List-Comment-and-Response.pdf

Reference: [Draft ADC exemption list v2](#)

Exemption Chair Lefebvre reported that the ADC’s exemption list was published in *The Environmental Notice* on September 23, 2025. One comment was received within the 14-day comment period. The comment was noted to be vague, and the response by ADC was adequate as it pointed the commentor to the rules, which Exemption Chair Lefebvre reported was sufficient.

MOTION: Exemption Chair Lefebvre moved to concur with the ADC’s exemption list. Member Sprague seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public testimony. The EAC voted to approve the motion (3-0-0).

Since there were no changes to the list, the ADC will include on their list, in the heading, “Concurred with by the Environmental Advisory Council” and the date. The list will then be transmitted to the ERP office for posting.

5. Discussion of Environmental Advisory Council Annual Report 2025

Chairperson Hegger-Nordblom reported that the EAC’s Annual Report for 2025 will need to be submitted to the ERP staff. Member Sprague suggested using the template from last year’s annual report.

The report will be submitted to the ERP staff by December 1.

6. Adjournment

Chairperson Hegger-Nordblom adjourned the meeting at 9:31 AM.